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## **Position Paper 2015-03 Virginia War Memorial**

- 1. Objective:** To ensure that the Virginia War Memorial (the Memorial) has the personnel and financial resources necessary to operate the premier state-level memorial in the nation and accomplish its Code-mandated mission.
- 2. Background:**
  - a. Per § 2.2-2001.3(B) of the Code of Virginia: “*The mission of the Virginia War Memorial shall be to honor patriotic Virginians who rendered faithful service and sacrifice in the cause of freedom and liberty for the Commonwealth and the nation in time of war, honor all of Virginia’s veterans, preserve their history, educate the public, and inspire patriotism in all Virginians.*”
  - b. The Memorial has developed and implemented new and/or expanded programs and services to accomplish this mission.
  - c. The number of visitors increased from 19,000 in 2010 to over 60,000 in 2013, is expected to top 70,000 in 2014, and could grow to over 100,000 per year.
  - d. The Governor and General Assembly have approved the construction of a 19,500 square foot expansion of the Memorial, expected to be complete in Fall 2016, to house the expanded programs and services and to accommodate the increasing number of visitors.
  - e. At its September 20, 2013 meeting, the Virginia War Memorial Board adopted a resolution outlining the five new positions needed in Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 to support Memorial operations, programs, and services. The positions are: Assistant Director, Facilities Manager, Assistant Curator, Administrative Assistant, and Video Tele-training Studio/Classroom (VTT) Instructor.
- 3. Discussion:**
  - a. The Virginia War Memorial is the premier state-level memorial in the nation.
  - b. The Memorial has developed and implemented new and/or expanded programs and services to accomplish its Code-mandated mission. As a result, the numbers of visitors to the Memorial has grown and will continue to grow.
  - c. A 19,500 square foot addition will be built.
  - d. Additional personnel and the associated funding are required to deliver effective programs and services and to accommodate the growth in the number of visitors.
- 4. Recommendation:** That the Governor and General Assembly authorize five additional positions for the Virginia War Memorial in FY16 and appropriate the necessary funding for these positions.